

Writer Who Escaped 'Dud' Shell Gains Fame as War Analyst

De Witt Mackenzie Has Wide Experience Abroad as Background for Column

Editor's note: Millions of American newspaper readers follow the war and other important international news with De Witt Mackenzie, war analyst of the Associated Press. Here is a sketch of the author of numerous articles which have appeared in The Star.

By GLADWIN HILL.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The fact that a certain shell, out of the millions fired in the World War, turned out to be a dud is considerably responsible for the fact that De Witt Mackenzie is now writing analytical articles on foreign affairs. Mackenzie, the Associated Press representative at the British front, and a colleague were surveying the situation from Vimy Ridge one day in 1917 when the Germans let loose a barrage. The first shell landed on the left of them, the second on the right. Probabilities were the third would land on them, so they plunged into a shell hole. The next shell plopped into the hole with them. De Witt Mackenzie, but didn't explode. The two men scrambled to safety.



Covered Versailles Conference. After the war, Mackenzie helped cover the Versailles Peace Conference, and then returned to the London A. P. Bureau. In 1921, when England went off the gold standard, he obtained the first interview J. P. Morgan ever gave for publication.

In 1933, Mackenzie returned to the United States and was chief of the Associated Press foreign service for three years. Mackenzie was in London when British Premier Chamberlain made his dramatic dash by air to Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps, in an effort to save Czechoslovakia. Mackenzie flew after Chamberlain, and later covered the conferences between Hitler and Chamberlain at Godesberg and Munich.

After accompanying Hitler into Czechoslovakia when the Reich annexed Sudetenland, Mackenzie made a tour of 14 of the countries affected by the Nazi chief's conquests. These included Poland, Hungary and all the Balkan states, as well as Italy.

Broke Apprehension Story. He was the first to break the news that the Anglo-French allies had finally abandoned apprehension as a policy.

Mackenzie started his foreign affairs column in 1937. Since the war began, he has written about 460 columns, which are wired daily by the Special News Service to more than 800 newspapers.

Mackenzie uses a Sherlock Holmes method of analyzing foreign affairs. He eliminates everything that is impossible, and whatever remains, no matter how improbable, is the truth. He puts his conclusions in simple, straightforward language. "Adjectives and epigrams," he says, "have told more lies than anything in the world."

He Avoids Predictions.

He considers that it is the business of an analyst to point out significance, trends, probabilities and possibilities, all on the solid basis of the known facts. He relieves the temptation to make predictions by writing them out on slips of paper, sealing them in envelopes and reading them later to himself.

He believes there's no substitute for personal experience in assaying development abroad: "If you've been in Turkey and know the way the Turk mind works, you're in a much better position to know how something they do is going to affect the axis."

His mail includes letters of praise

and complaints that he is pro-British, or pro-German. As long as the squawks keep coming from both sides, he's contented.

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Diplomatic Uniforms Restricted by Chile

by the Associated Press.

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"democratic civilian dress" and to

avoid wearing uniforms except before foreign governments "where it

is absolutely required."